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TAGS: GATT
SUBJECT: GATT PANEL ON EXPORT COST INFLATION INSURANCE
SCHEMES (EIS)

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING THREE NAMES
FOR SUBJECT PANEL: AMBASSADOR KROYER OF ICELAND, CHAIRMAN,
PETER WISE, HONG KONG, AND DAVID GRIEG, NEW ZEALAND.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD LITTLE DIRECT CONTACT WITH KROYER, HE
IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY HIS EFTA COLLEAGUES AND ATTENDS
GATT COUNCIL MEETINGS AS GOI REP. WISE, ALTHOUGH ENGLISH,
WORKS SOLELY ON HONG KONG AFFAIRS AND OFTEN ARGUES EFFEC-
TIVELY FOR HONG KONG AGAINST EC AND UK POSITIONS. HE IS
KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT GATT AND SHOULD MAKE A GOOD PANEL MEM-
BER. GRIEG REPRESENTS GNZ AT MOST GATT MEETINGS AND WE
HAVE ACCEPTED HIM FOR OTHER GATT PANELS BUT HIS AMBASSADOR
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HAS THUS FAR REFUSED TO LET HIM SERVE.

2. WE ASKED SECRETARIAT IF THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HAVING
SELMER OF NORWAY, WHO HAD BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING
PARTY ON EIS, AS CHAIRMAN. SECRETARIAT SAID HIS NAME HAD
BEEN SUGGESTED TO THE EC BUT THAT THE EC, NOTING THAT NOR-
WAY HAD TAKEN A POSITION UNFAVORABLE TO EIS IN THE WP, HAD

SAID IT WOULD ACCEPT SELMER ONLY IF THERE WERE ALSO A MEMBER FROM ONE OF THE EC COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT THAT FINDING SO-CALLED "NEUTRAL" PANEL MEMBERS IN THIS CASE IS DIFFICULT SINCE ALMOST ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EXPRESSED A VIEW IN THE WP. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE THREE NOMINATIONS BY THE SECRETARIAT REPRESENT THE BEST CHOICES AVAILABLE. UNLESS WASHINGTON PERCEIVES AN OBJECTION WE INTEND TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARIAT THAT THESE CHOICES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. VANDEN HEUVEL

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